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SUBJ: EC FISHERIES MINISTERS MEETING IN BERLIN

1. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR JANUARY 16-18 COUNCIL
SESSION (REPORTED SEPTTEL), E EC FISHERIES MINISTERS
AGREED TO MEET INFORMALLY IN BERLIN JANUARY 27 TO ATTEMPT
TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNAL FISHING REGIME FOR
THE COMMUNITY. THIS UPCOMING MEETING HAS ALREADY BEEN
REPORTED IN VARIOUS PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL SESSION.
UK AGRICULTURE MINISTER SILKIN AND IRISH FISHERIES MIN-
ISTER LENIHAN TOLD REPORTERS JANUARY 18 THAT THE CHOICE
OF BERLIN WAS LARGELY DICTATED BY THE FACT THAT ALL THE
EC AGRICULTURE MINISTERS WILL BE IN THAT CITY DURING
THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23-27 FOR THE ANNUAL GERMAN AGRI-
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CULTURAL TRADE FAIR (GREEN WEEK); SINCE THE COUNCIL IS
TO MEET JANUARY 30 IN BRUSSELS FOR WHAT IS HOPED WILL BE
THE DECISIVE SESSION ON AN INTERNAL FISHING REGIME,
THERE WILL BE NO TIME TO SCHEDULE AN INFORMAL SESSION
OUTSIDE BERLIN.

2. IN VIEW OF CURRENT SEVERELY STRAINED FISHING RELATIONS

BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND THE COMMUNITY, WITH THE SOVIETS
INDICATING THAT ONE IMPEDIMENT TO THE CONCLUSION OF AN
EC-USSR FISHERIES AGREEMENT IS EC INSISTENCE (AT FRG
URGING) ON INCLUDING A BERLIN APPLICABILITY CLAUSE, IT
STRIKES US THAT THE SOVIETS MAY WELL PROTEST THE UPCOMING
INFORMAL BERLIN MEETING OF EC MINISTERS. IT ALSO SEEMS
PROBABLE THAT THE VERY FACT OF THE MEETING'S OCCURENCE
WILL FURTHER INHIBIT THE ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN EC-SOVIET
FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH RUNS COUNTER TO U.K.
INTEREST IN GETTING THE TALKS GOING AGAIN (77 BRUSSELS
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